

Kingswinford Knights Football Club

 Greenfields open space

 Kingswinford community centre

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**Kingswinford Knights Football Club and Development Team Health and safety policy.**

1. **Introduction**

Kingswinford knights is dedicated to providing a safe and healthy environment for all children and young people (aged 4-13) participating in our football activities. This health and safety policy outlines our commitment to identifying, assessing, and managing risks to ensure the well-being of all individuals associated with the club.

1. **Policy Statement**

The health and safety of all participants, including players, coaches, volunteers, and spectators, is a top priority for Kingswinford knights. We are committed to complying with relevant health and safety legislation, regulations, and best practices to create a secure environment for everyone involved in our football activities.

1. **Key Principles**

**Dynamic risk Assessments:**

* We will conduct regular risk assessments of our facilities, equipment, and activities to identify potential hazards. Appropriate measures will be implemented to minimise and control risks
* Training and Education: Coaches and volunteers will receive training on health and safety procedures, emergency response, and first aid. They will be aware of the potential risks associated with football activities and take appropriate precautions.

**Emergency Procedures:**

* Clear and effective emergency procedures will be established and communicated to all staff, volunteers, and participants. This includes evacuation plans, first aid protocols, and contact information for emergency services.

**Safe Facilities and Equipment:**

* We will ensure that our facilities and equipment comply with safety standards. Regular inspections and maintenance will be conducted to address any issues promptly.

**Hygiene and Sanitation:**

* We will promote good hygiene practices, including regular handwashing, and provide adequate sanitation facilities for participants and spectators.
1. **Roles and Responsibilities**
* **Club Officials:**

Club officials will be responsible for ensuring that health and safety policies and procedures are implemented and adhered to. They will support coaches and volunteers in maintaining a safe environment.

* **Coaches and Volunteers:**

Coaches and volunteers are responsible for the safety of participants during training sessions and matches. They will follow health and safety guidelines, report hazards, and provide necessary supervision.

* **Parents and Carers:**

Parents and carers are encouraged to support the club's health and safety policies and communicate any relevant health information about their child to the club.

**5.    Incident Reporting**

All incidents, accidents, or near misses will be reported promptly to designated club officials. A record of incidents will be maintained, and appropriate action will be taken to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

**6.    First Aid**

Adequate first aid provisions will be available during all football activities. Trained first aiders will be present, and a well-equipped first aid kit will be easily accessible.

**7.    Review and Monitoring**

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness. Regular monitoring and feedback from participants, coaches, and parents will be used to improve health and safety practices.

By adhering to this health and safety policy, Kingswinford knights aims to provide a secure and enjoyable football experience for all participants while minimising the risk of injury or harm.

**Date of Last Review: 01/2024**

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